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Congress.
A few more days and Congress will
be with us. But business will not im-
mediately begin. That is to say, the
usual time will be consumed in the pre-
liminaries. Not until after the holi-
days will the wheels begin to re-
volve regularly and steadily. Then
there should be something doing
every day.

How much can be done in the five
months before the presidential nomi-
nations and the national platforms
are due? It all depends. If politics
can be, and is, kept within reason-
able bounds—the majority driving not
too hard, the minority resisting not
too stubbornly—several questions
which will enter into the national
campaign should be disposed of.
But this will be difficult. The tem-
ptation to play politics will be strong
for both parties. A campaign for na-
tional control develops all the poli-
tics in the American nature; and the
supply is large. A party in power
wants to stay there. A party out of
power wants to get there. And so
when the engagement opens and the
joy of battle thrills the participants
are not easily held to the original cal-
culations.

Entering into the doubt of the situ-
ation is the fact that the majority
party is divided on the three propo-
sitions of most interest to the coun-
try—the revenue proposition, the
preparedness proposition and the
proposition for creating an Ameri-
can merchant marine. The divisions
may disappear after the President
has spoken and had time to reinforce
his words by personal conferences
with the leaders of the two factions,
but at present things look squally,
and threaten at least a tussle and de-
lay.

There are—and for that matter al-
ways have been—protection demo-
crats and free trade democrats. There
are democrats for a large prepared-
ness, others for a medium prepared-
ness, and still others for no prepa-
redness at all. And as for an
American merchant marine, there are
democrats so outspoken that they
characterize the administration's plan
as state socialism, and declare that no
democrat should give it support.
Adding still more to the uncertain-
ty is the attitude of the man who will
lead his party in the House. Mr.
Kitchin possesses ability and fight-
ing quality, and seems to be "oil-
ing up" for combat—getting into supple
condition. Evidently on the subject
of preparedness he is going farther
than simply to register his personal
objection and record his vote. But
how far he can go is to be demon-
strated.

No other Congress has faced such
conditions as now exist. With near-
ly the whole world in arms, and fight-
ing with unexampled military
strength, problems have been created
for us which cannot be evaded, nor
yet solved without wisdom and
patience and care.

Henry Ford, like most successful
men, is compelled to take into con-
sideration the fact that in the past
friendly assurances that he could not
do things did not prevent him from
accomplishing them. But the disinter-
ested observer cannot avoid an im-
pression that he is at present taking
on a contract rather out of his
line.

The town that gets the republican
national convention next year can-
not expect that Col. Roosevelt will
follow along with his own aggrega-
tion as a special added attraction.

Corresponding responsibilities in
other countries, the task
of raising revenues to meet the needs
of the government is an easy one.

Mr. Bryan's Democracy.
Mr. Wilson's friends are divided
as to Mr. Bryan. Some believe the
former Secretary entirely sincere in
his professions of friendship for Mr.
Wilson, and do not doubt that next
year he will advocate the renomi-
nation and re-election of the President.
They regret his retirement from the
cabinet and his present agitation
against a policy—preparedness—upon
which the President has staked so
much; but they concede his right to
take his own course. They have no
idea that it will lead him out of the
democratic party, or even far enough
to destroy his usefulness as a great
party asset in the presidential cam-
paign.

There are others, however, who
distrust Mr. Bryan, and think he
means mischief. As they see the sit-
uation and read him, he did not give
a good reason for leaving the State
Department, and so is to be suspected
all along the line. They do not go
into details as to their notion of why
he left, but upon that episode they
base a charge that he is no longer a
democrat and should be driven out of
the party.

In support of their proposition
these men refer to the Taft-Roosevelt

episode. When Mr. Roosevelt
quitted the presidency he left some
warm friends in office, and others on
deck out of office, who made it their
business to keep tab on Mr. Taft as
President and confer among them-
selves as to whether he was coming
up to Roosevelt's sample. They soon
decided that he was not, and as soon
began plotting for his downfall. Their
purpose was to weaken Mr. Taft and
bring Mr. Roosevelt back at the end
of four years.

Mr. Taft's attention was called to
the matter and he was advised to be
on his guard, and even to take some
positive action. But, generous in his
dealings with others, he was slow to
believe, and slower still to anger
after becoming convinced; and nothing
was done toward checkmating the
opposition until it was too late. The
rest we all know.

But even if the President were
brought around to this unfavorable
view of Mr. Bryan, how would he go
about driving him out of the party?
What test would he prescribe for
those who profess and call them-
selves democrats? Not preparedness,
for he himself has put that policy
on a non-partisan basis. Not the
tariff, for he and Mr. Bryan helped
shape the Underwood revision. Not
foreign affairs, for they, too, are non-
partisan; and as to Mexico Mr. Bryan
stood at Mr. Wilson's side during the
whole period of watchful waiting.

There will probably be no attempt
made, however much some desire it,
to deprive Mr. Bryan of the right to
call himself a democrat and continue
to co-operate with the party he found
in a state of wreck in 1896, and put
in power in 1913.

Department Retirements.
Senator Pomeroy's observations
on the subject of departmental retire-
ment, published in Saturday's Star,
indicate an agreement with the
proposition to permit veteran govern-
ment civil employees to leave the ser-
vice on a living competency after a
certain period. He objects, however,
to any plan whereby the employee
could leave the service on such a
pension on his own volition, even if
the government desired to retain him.
In other words, the choice between
active and retired service should not
be left solely to the worker.

There is no serious issue on this
score. As a practical matter it is to
be doubted whether enough cases
would ever arise under any retire-
ment system which would work
against the government's interests to
make such a contingency worth while
as an objection. At the retirement
age the employee would be confronted
with two possibilities, to remain in
service at full pay or to leave it on
half pay. If in good health and pos-
sessed of all the faculties, with no im-
pairment of efficiency, the worker
would almost invariably prefer to re-
main if permitted to do so. The pro-
posed retirement would be mainly
for the benefit of those who had been
worn out in the service, whose value
to the government was lessened
through the advance of years. If the
man were in such a condition of mind
and body as to cause him to want to
leave the service on retired pay the
government would unquestionably be
willing for him to do so.

One of the chief purposes of a re-
tirement system should be to prevent
the gradual demotion of government
workers as their years advance, so
that they reach the age of quitting
at perhaps a lower rate of pay than
at their entrance. This is now hap-
pening. It is most unjust to the in-
dividuals and most expensive to the
government. The clerk who has been
promoted to perhaps the highest rate
allowed under the civil service classi-
fication, presumably as a mark of ef-
ficiency, and who is then set back step
by step, necessarily loses his interest
in his work, is discouraged by his
treatment and becomes of less value
to the government. Demotion on the
score of years is the poorest econo-
my, and the United States should
hasten to correct this grave economic
fault by adopting a system of depart-
mental retirements which will guar-
antee to every efficient worker reten-
tion in service, continuation of pro-
motion, immunity from undeserved
demotion and eventual retirement on
a living compensation after reaching
the limit of usefulness.

New York state has controlled it-
self and refrains from giving three
cheers for Nebraska's selection of
Charles Hughes as the republican
nominee.

The militancy of Mrs. Pankhurst is
not calculated to affect one way or
another the results in which her
country just now is most interested.

Switzerland has so many spies in
her territory that she may not miss
the regular tourist patronage as much
as she feared she would.

The French army has adopted steel
helmets. This makes one style of
Paris hat that will not be hastily cop-
ied.

The Dardanelles are still closed, and
the argument as to what shall be
done about it is still open.

"Electrical Prosperity Week."
"Electrical Prosperity Week" in
Washington! The phrase is signifi-
cant of a wonderful progress. Elec-
tricity is man's most active servant
today, and is set to do many things
that a few years ago were regarded
as impossible of performance. Houses
are lighted by incandescent bulbs as
brilliantly as by the sun. Rooms are
heated from the same current, laun-
dry work is ironed, food is cooked
and in the sick room the electric
wires work wonders for comfort and
cure.

It is now impossible to conceive life
without electricity, and yet only a few
decades ago it was almost unknown
save in a few uses that are at present
regarded as crude and elementary.
Scarcely a single human activity is

now without some aid rendered by
this force, marvelously generated and
distributed.

It is well by means of special dis-
plays and demonstrations to con-
centrate public attention and interest
upon this subject, and Washington
has responded gladly to the sugges-
tion that has resulted in the devotion
of a week to this manifestation.
It is educationally important and
should be productive of a much fuller
appreciation of the advantages af-
forded by the use of electricity as a
means of facilitating all forms of
labor.

A Remarkable Autumn.

Washington is enjoying a wonder-
fully fine autumn this season. The
air is exceptionally mild and the days
are fair with few exceptions. The
"weather wise" may shake their heads
over the prospect of compensations
still to be paid in the form of bitter
cold and heavy snows, but every day
of such weather now experienced is a
gain that cannot be possibly off-
set later. Outdoor sports are still in
progress without any discomfort for
participants or spectators. Those
who walk through the country are
stimulated by the bracing but not nip-
ping air. Life is most enjoyable in
every activity. The fall of 1915 should
be long remembered as remarkable
for its delights.

Perhaps some of the members of
Congress who are now a little doubt-
ful about preparedness will be
stronger for it when their constitu-
ents have had time to think the mat-
ter over and grasp its full signifi-
cance.

Felix Diaz is said to be planning an-
other revolution in spite of the fact
that the turning over of the govern-
ment to Carranza is as yet scarcely
completed.

Several former Americans became
British citizens just in time to enable
them to show their patriotism by
generous income tax contributions.

England insists that under no cir-
cumstances shall an order in coun-
cil be allowed to drift into the mesc-
rap-of-paper class.

Advocates of unpreparedness would
be more dependable if an impromptu
army were as easy to manage as an
impromptu speech.

Many of the former followers of
Villa are showing a disposition to
make safety first arrangements.

Greece possibly recalls that Italy
positively refused to be hurried in de-
fining her attitude.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Modest.

"Do you think the hand that rocks
the cradle rules the world?"
"Sometimes," replied Mr. Meekton;
"but not when Henrietta goes down-
town and leaves me to look after the
house."

Sometimes, when you do a man a
favor, all you get is his resentment
for having caught him at a disad-
vantage.

Those Old Times.

Times are not what they used to be.
We say that all is strange.
In accents quite bereft of glee
We talk about the change.
This earth was once a solid glow,
Immeasurably hot.
Times are not as in long ago.
I'm glad that they are not.

**A Strictly Professional Point of
View.**

"Do you think that plays ought to
be censored before being shown up
the public?"
"Certainly not," replied the man-
ager. "If the public pays its money
for improprieties it ought not to be
cheated."

If a good college foot ball player
bragged about his game as much as
his father does, he'd get hazed.

Hard Work.

I have done my share of 'choppin' an'
of totin' in the wood.
An' when the work was through, I
felt that it had done me good.
I've rowed against the wind an' tide
until my wrists were sore,
An' felt quite calm an' peaceful when
at last I stepped ashore.
I've dray a horse to town an' bar-
gained, usin' voice an' mind,
An' didn't feel no ill effects, as far as
I could find.
But I kind o' felt a yearnin'
Fur a life of lazy leamin'.
A cogitatin' life without no
thought of what you're earnin'.
I reckoned that I'd quit this common
labor day by day,
An' jes' sit down in idleness an' think
the hours away.

So I sat down very careful an' com-
posed myself to see
What special line of thinkin' would be
suitable to me.

I thought of Isaac Newton an' some
other men that made
Their lastin' reputations, jes' by sit-
tin' in the shade.
But my mind got lonesome, wishin'
fur the old familiar track,
An' the day's work—how I missed it
when I really felt its lack!
How I missed the buzz an' bustle,
An' the hurry an' the hustle.
With somethin' always callin' fur
your intellect or muscle.
Of all the things I've tackled, an-
swerin' up to duty's call,
Jes' sittin' down an' thinkin' was the
hardest job of all.

Suspicious of Packages.

Anybody carrying a package in a
Washington government building
likely to be watched closely by the
guards. And so the dry movement
reaches up and up.

Don Quixote.

From the Springfield Republican.
Henry Ford on the Oscar II somehow
reminds one of Don Quixote on Rosi-
nante.

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